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NAME OF PROGRAM: **Invasive Plant Clean-up at Keeley Park**

DATE: Friday, October 10, 2008

TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 pm (UPS volunteers)

LOCATION: Keeley Park

ADDRESS: 4138 Keeley Rd., McLeansville, NC

DESCRIPTION: On Friday, October 10, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, volunteers from UPS will work, under the supervision of Greensboro Parks & Recreation staff, to clean up invasive plants at Keeley Park.

In February 2008, the Greensboro Parks & Recreation Commission approved an Invasive Plant policy for the Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department. This policy is to be used as an internal management tool for the monitoring and control of invasive plant species on parkland, greenways and open spaces. The committee that formed the policy consists of representatives from the Parks & Recreation staff, the Department of Water Resources, NC Cooperative Extension Service, Piedmont Land Conservancy, Guilford County Parks & Open Space Program, the Piedmont Bird Society and the Carolina Butterfly Society as well as local nursery and green industry professionals.

With over 3,500 acres of programmed land, Greensboro Parks & Recreation is adopting this policy to be proactive in maintaining and restoring the pristine, natural qualities of the land. This policy provides a management tool to begin educating staff, volunteers and other interested groups and a means to demonstrate the correct measures needed to combat the problem of invasive plant species.

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